MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

COMPLYING

WITH THE RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE,

OF

THE ELEVENTH OF THIS MONTH

DECEMBER 18, 1817.

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the territory of filler and service and remaining measures in the rest of the service of To the Senate of the United States.

In compliance with the resolution of the Senate, of the 11th of this month, I transmit, for the information of the Senate, a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, relating to the progress made in surveying the several tracts of military bounty lands, appropriated by Congress for the late army of the United States, and the time at which such survey will probably be completed.

JAMES MONROE.

December 18, 1817.

The Secretary of the Treasury, to whom the President of the United States referred the resolution of the Senate, of the 11th of December, 1817, requesting "such information as he may possess, relating to the progress made, in surveying the several tracts of military bounty lands, appropriated by Congress for the late army of the United States, and the time at which such survey will probably be completed," has the honor to

REPORT:

That the surveys of three millions and an half of acres, in the Illinois territory, has been completed, and that the issue of patents to the soldiers, who have selected that location, commenced on the first Monday in October last; that the surveys of half a million of acres, in the territory of Missouri, north of the river of that name, will probably be completed in three months; that no surveys of the two millions of acres south of the Missouri river, have been received, but that it is probable they will be completed in six months; and that no selection of the two millions of acres, appropriated by the act of the 16th of April, 1816, has yet been made, as appears by the report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, hereunto annexed.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WM. H. CRAWFORD.

Treasury Department, 15th December, 1817.

General Land Office, Dec. 13, 1817.

SIR,

I return the resolution of the Senate, dated 11th instant, requiring information "relating to the progress made in surveying the several tracts of military bounty lands, appropriated by Congress for the late army of the United States, and the time at which such survey will probably be completed;" and I inform you that the survey of three and a half millions of acres, in the Illinois territory, is completed, and now distributing; that the surveys of half a million of acres, in the territory of Missouri, north of Missouri river, will probably be completed in three months, the major part of them having been sent to this office; that no surveys of the two millions of acres, in Missouri territory, near the rivers St. Francis and Arkansas, have yet been received, but will probably be completed in six months.

I have the honor to be, Very respectfully, yours,

JOSIAH MEIGS.

The Secretary of the Treasury.

No selection of the two millions of acres, appropriated by the act of the 16th April, 1816, has yet been made.

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